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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

When I and my family moved to San Jose, CA in 1986 I used AT&T for my home telephone service because I thought it was the only choice. However, I didn't like the rate increases over the years. I used other providers (like Qwest) to make international calls at lower rates. In 1999, I added DSL service from AT&T. It was expensive and not very fast. Some years later I found out the cable company (Comcast) also provides broadband service but it was expensive and bundled with TV programming service which I was not interested in. Finally, in 2012, I discovered a competitive provider (Sonic.net) that offers phone service with more features and internet service at higher speed than AT&T but at lower cost. Immediately I switched from AT&T to Sonic and has been very satisfied since then. So, competition is good because it would provide more choices at lower rates for the consumers. Internet service has become a necessity for the daily lives of me and all my family members. I would strongly object to any kind of price hikes that will increase the cost of internet service.

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